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CATTLE ON FEED

On December 1, 2002, Arizona had 295,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 3 percent from a year ago but up 2 percent from last month. Placements totaled 32,000 head, 3 percent above November 2001. During November, 24,000 head were marketed, 3,000 less than last November.

On December 1, 2002, California had 500,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 2 percent from both last year and last month. Placements totaled 65,000 head, down 7 percent from last year. During November, 50,000 head were marketed, up 5,000 head from last year.

Cattle and calves for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on December 1, 2002. The inventory was 8 percent below December 1, 2001 and 9 percent below December 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.98 million, 4 percent above 2001 but 2 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.89 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 589,000, 600-699 pounds were 660,000, 700-799 pounds were 417,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 311,000. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.73 million, 4 percent below 2001 and 5 percent below 2000. Other disappearance totaled 90,000 during November, 13 percent above 2001 but 14 percent below 2000.

Cattle on feed December 1, 2002, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.4 million, down 8 percent from the previous year and 8 percent below December 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.67 million, 5 percent above 2001 but 1 percent below 2000. Marketings during November totaled 1.51 million, 2 percent below 2001 and 4 percent below 2000. Other disappearance during November was 80,000 head, 18 percent above 2001 but 10 percent below 2000.

Special Note

Cattle on Feed release format will be modified to exclude calculation and publication of the historic 7 States. Availability of U.S. and the 12 individually published States data will remain unchanged. The same 7 State data can still be calculated from the U.S. release by summing the historic 7 States totals. This change will be effective beginning in the publication released Friday, February 14th, 2003.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS) NOVEMBER 1, 2002 AND DECEMBER 1, 2001 AND 2002, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS, AND OTHER DISAPPEARANCE NOVEMBER 2001 AND 2002 BY STATE, UNITED STATES, AND HISTORIC 7 STATES

STATE 1/	Number on Feed 2/					Placements During November			Marketings During November			Other Disappearance During November 3/		
	Dec 1, 2002													
	Dec 1, 2001	Nov 1, 2002	Number	as % of 2001	as % of Nov	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	1,000 Head		Percent			1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
*AZ	303	290	295	97	102	31	32	103	27	24	89	2	3	150
*CA	490	490	500	102	102	70	65	93	45	50	111	5	5	100
*CO	1,160	1,060	1,070	92	101	175	190	109	180	170	94	5	10	200
ID	340	295	300	88	102	74	60	81	61	53	87	3	2	67
*IA	350	335	350	100	104	75	80	107	64	63	98	1	2	200
*KS	2,640	2,300	2,300	87	100	410	420	102	420	395	94	20	25	125
*NE	2,270	2,110	2,180	96	103	390	410	105	305	330	108	15	10	67
NM	108	* 117	123	114	105	15	18	120	14	11	79	1	1	100
OK	385	340	340	88	100	59	55	93	66	53	80	3	2	67
SD	195	170	195	100	115	53	56	106	29	30	103	0	1	
*TX	2,990	2,730	2,700	90	99	430	470	109	500	475	95	20	25	125
WA	260	185	195	75	105	48	40	83	45	29	64	1	1	100
Other														
Sts	400	320	350	88	109	78	81	104	44	48	109	4	3	75
US	11,891	* 10,742	10,898	92	101	1,908	1,977	104	1,800	1,731	96	80	90	113

* Revised

1/ States indicated with an asterisk are the historic seven states preparing monthly estimates of cattle on feed.

2/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

3/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for Arizona totaled 36.1 million pounds during November. This production was up 600,000 pounds or 2 percent from the previous year's total of 35.5 million pounds.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.91 billion pounds in November, down 2 percent from the 3.97 billion pounds produced in November 2001. November 2001 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays. November 2002 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.16 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.86 million head, down 1 percent from November 2001. The average live weight was 1,260 pounds, up 5 pounds from November a year ago.

Veal production totaled 16.9 million pounds, 4 percent above November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 91,100 head, up 4 percent from November 2001. The average live weight was 308 pounds, unchanged from November a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.71 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.66 million head, 1 percent below November 2001. The average live weight was 268 pounds, down 1 pound from November a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production, at 17.8 million pounds, was down 9 percent from November 2001 and 6 percent below the previous record low set in 1998. Sheep slaughter totaled 271,300 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, down 6 pounds from November a year ago.

January - November red meat production was 43.3 billion pounds, 3 percent above the previous year. Accumulated beef production was up 4 percent from last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: ARIZONA AND U.S. 1/

CLASS	November 2001	October 2002	November 2002	November 2002 as % of 2/	
				November 2001	October 2002
1,000 Lbs			Percent		
ARIZONA 3/					
Total Red Meat	35,500	38,600	36,100	102	93
UNITED STATES					
	Million Lbs			Percent	
Beef	2,201	2,512	2,164	98	86
Veal	16	19	17	104	90
Pork	1,733	1,831	1,709	99	93
Lamb and Mutton	20	20	18	91	91
Total Red Meat	3,970	4,382	3,907	98	89

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ Breakdown by class not available, includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER: ARIZONA, NOVEMBER 2002 AND U.S., JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2002 1/

SPECIES	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
	November			January-November		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight 2/	Number Slaughtered	Total Dressed Weight 3/	Average Live Weight 2/
	1,000 Head	1,000 Lbs	Lbs	1,000 Head	Million Lbs	Lbs
Cattle	46.3	61,734	1,333	32,958.9	24,983	1,249
Calves 4/				946.1	178	312
Hogs	0.1	27	253	91,603.2	17,950	265
Sheep	0.1	10	109	2,997.7	199	133

1/ Includes slaughter under federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Average liveweights based on unrounded data.

3/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

4/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations, but included in U.S. total.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the 20 major States during November totaled 11.7 billion pounds, up 1.8 percent from November 2001. October revised production, at 12.0 billion pounds, was up 2.1 percent from October 2001. The October revision represented a decrease of 26 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,501 pounds for November, 16 pounds above November 2001.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.79 million head, 54,000 head more than November 2001, and 1,000 head more than October 2002.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: BY STATE, NOVEMBER 2001-2002

STATE	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	Percent change from 2001
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
AZ	140	150	1,660	1,795	232	269	15.9
CA	1,614	1,670	1,685	1,700	2,720	2,839	4.4
FL	152	147	1,170	1,175	178	173	-2.8
ID	372	390	1,730	1,690	644	659	2.3
IL	115	115	1,375	1,420	158	163	3.2
IN	155	148	1,350	1,400	209	207	-1.0
IA	206	208	1,485	1,470	306	306	
KY	125	120	1,050	1,000	131	120	-8.4
MI	301	301	1,575	1,610	474	485	2.3
MN	500	480	1,365	1,350	683	648	-5.1
MO	141	135	1,080	1,110	152	150	-1.3
NM	280	305	1,665	1,650	466	503	7.9
NY	674	675	1,430	1,430	964	965	0.1
OH	256	264	1,370	1,370	351	362	3.1
PA	596	591	1,460	1,460	870	863	-0.8
TX	312	309	1,275	1,350	398	417	4.8
VT	154	153	1,405	1,395	216	213	-1.4
VA	119	119	1,285	1,260	153	150	-2.0
WA	247	247	1,780	1,800	440	445	1.1
WI	1,280	1,266	1,365	1,390	1,747	1,760	0.7
20-State Total	7,739	7,793	1,485	1,501	11,492	11,697	1.8

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DOWN 1 POINT FROM LAST MONTH

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December is 97, based on 1990-92=100, down 1 point (1.0 percent) from the November index. Lower prices for wheat, lettuce, broccoli, and eggs more than offset higher prices for cattle, tomatoes, hogs, and strawberries. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affects the overall index. Decreased marketings of cattle, soybeans, grapes, and corn offset increased marketings of wheat, tobacco, milk, and oranges.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is 4 points (4.3 percent) above December, 2001. Higher prices for soybeans, wheat, corn, and cattle more than offset lower prices for broilers, hogs, lettuce, calves, and dry beans.

The Food Commodities Index declined 1 point (1.0 percent) from last month to 96, but is 2.1 percent above November last year.

PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED FROM LAST MONTH

The December Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 125 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is unchanged from November but 3 points (2.5 percent) above December 2001. Lower prices in December for feed concentrates, complete feeds, gasoline, and hay and forages are offset by higher prices for feeder cattle, feeder pigs, and nitrogen fertilizers.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., DECEMBER 2001 AND 2002 AND NOVEMBER 2002

COMMODITY	UNIT	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		December 2001 Entire Month	November 2002 Entire Month	December 2002 Mid-Month	December 2001 Entire Month	November 2002 Entire Month	December 2002 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	30.8	49.1	2/	32.2	41.9	42.5
Cottonseed	\$ Ton	127.00	136.00	137.00	91.00	100.00	101.00
All Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.89	4.25	3.93
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	3.45	4.53	4.25
Winter Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.79	4.16	3.83
All Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	96.00	102.00	95.00	93.70	93.60	92.60
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	96.00	103.00	95.00	102.00	101.00	100.00
Other Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	93.00	92.00	90.00	73.00	75.40	74.70
Grapefruit 5/	\$ Box	13.40	13.30	14.00	14.20	14.80	14.30
Oranges 5/	\$ Box	25.10	22.40	18.90	19.70	19.60	17.00
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	30.70	34.60	27.40	31.90	34.20	28.20
Tangerines 5/	\$ Box	24.80	27.60	24.20	24.60	27.80	25.80
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	36.00	33.00	34.50	36.00	33.00	34.20
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	64.80	71.00	74.90	68.60	72.00	74.80
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	64.50	70.60	74.50	64.60	67.60	70.20
Calves	\$ Cwt	95.00	94.60	95.90	100.00	88.20	93.60
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	13.10	11.40	11.30	13.40	11.80	11.90

1/ Includes both spot and contract sales.

2/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

3/ Not available for Arizona.

4/ Mid-month.

5/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Grapefruit 67 lbs., Oranges 75 lbs., Lemons 76 lbs., Tangerines 75 lbs.

6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

7/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

8/ Preliminary; before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

U.S. PRICE INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

INDEX 1990-92 = 100	2001		2002	
	November	December	November	December
Prices Received	93	93	98	97
Prices Paid	122	122	125	125
Ratio 1/	76	76	78	78

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.